

Dear FCC Members :

I support the varied and local programming available through satellite radio. I live in a rural area of Upstate NY where reception, even 15 - 20 miles from the low powered local stations can be poor. Satellite radio offers a clear, audible option. It complements AM & FM radio nicely, without replacing those program options. Another key point is that the current marketplace has caused "local" smaller market radio stations to become nothing more than repeaters of national network or syndicated broadcasts anyway. This is true even in larger markets in my state, including stations emanating from larger cities such as Albany, Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo. True local broadcasting as I remember it actually doesn't exist at all, unless you are in the largest of markets such as New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia, etc. The variety on satellite radio is, in fact, the closest form of what used to be unique and varied broadcasts formally found on creative local stations of a bygone era. Please allow that to flourish. Respectfully, Thank You.